SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1986

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That every insurer providing professional liability insurance to a health care provider in this State shall submit to the Insurance Commissioner information on the nature and cost of reinsurance, the claims experience by category of health care providers, the amount of claims settlements and claims awards, the amount of reserves for claims incurred and incurred but unreported claims, the number of structured settlements used in payment of claims, and any other information relating to health care malpractice claims as prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner in rule and regulation. The Insurance Commissioner may require, by rule and regulation, insurers of other lines of liability insurance to submit such reports. The Insurance Commissioner shall report [its] THE COMMISSIONER'S findings as to the impact of this Act AND CHAPTER 477 OF THE ACTS OF 1994 on the availability and affordability of health care malpractice and other liability insurance in this State to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly by October 31 of each year. This section shall remain effective through October 31, [1996] 2001, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this section shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

## **CHAPTER 112**

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT concerning

## Election Laws - Judges of Election - Declines

FOR the purpose of authorizing the boards of supervisors of elections to appoint as election judges a certain number of registered voters who decline to affiliate with any political party; specifying the circumstances under which such judges may be appointed; requiring a board to first make an effort to appoint as election judges registered voters who belong to the majority party or the principal minority party; specifying that a board may not appoint as chief judge an individual who declines to affiliate with any political party; defining a certain term; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to the appointment of election judges.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code Section 1-1(a)(5B) Annotated Code of Maryland